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Decision

Matter of: Panatronix, S.A.

File: B-258084

Date: September 21, 1994

DECISION

Panatronix, S.A. protests the award of a contract for mess attendant services at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal to Kelly Services, by the Department of the Army. We view this protest as academic because, in response to this protest, the agency has determined that it will resolicit proposals, evaluate these proposals and make a new award.¹

The jurisdiction of our Office is established by the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. § 3551-3556 (1988). Our role in resolving bid protests is to ensure that the statutory requirements for full and open competition are met. Brown Assocs. Management Servs., Inc.--Recon., B-235906.3, Mar. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 299.

GAO will not consider protests where the issue presented has no practical consequences with regard to an existing federal government procurement, and thus is of purely academic interest. Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Lieberman".

Paul Lieberman
Assistant General Counsel

¹The agency states that it is necessary to continue performance through the end of the base period of the current contract, and extend the current contract for a 90 day interim period, while the new proposals are being solicited and evaluated, to ensure that continuing mess attendant services are provided to military and civilian personnel, and to the Cuban migrants that are being relocated to the Panama Canal Naval Station from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.